



BLONDE GIRL

Blonde Girl lived in a town called Edremit district, in the province of Balıkesir. She was a beautiful and good hearted girl without a mother. She lived in the village of Güre in Edremit only with her father. One day, her father decided to go on pilgrimage and left his girl alone. He entrusted her daughter to his neighbour. Of course , this was a time when young boys wanted to take advantage and marry her. She didn't accept any proposal. Because of this situation, some of them got mad, and started malicious rumours about the girl. When her father came back to his home, he heard people were talking about his daughter and her lost virginity, so he decided to take her and geese to the peak of Mount Ida(named as Goose Mountain after Blonde Girl). Later, he left them there...

After a while, the Blonde Girl's dad heard new rumours about her again, it was something like she was helping lost villagers. He decided to visit her and he found her. He stayed with her for some time. One day, as he wanted to wash himself before praying, he asked his daughter to fetch some water. The Blonde Girl gave salty water to him because she had reached her hand across the mountain and filled her container with water from the sea. The father was surprised and realized that his daughter had become a saint.

The Blonde Girl , realising that her secret was discovered, died on the spot. Her father was deeply saddened by this and also died on the next peak ahead.

Villagers refer to the spot where the Blonde Girl died as The Blonde Girl Hill and the area where the father died as the Father's Hill. Every year villagers remember this legend and climb The Blonde Girl Hill.

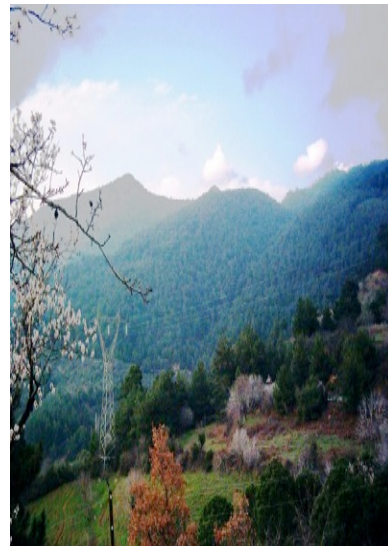
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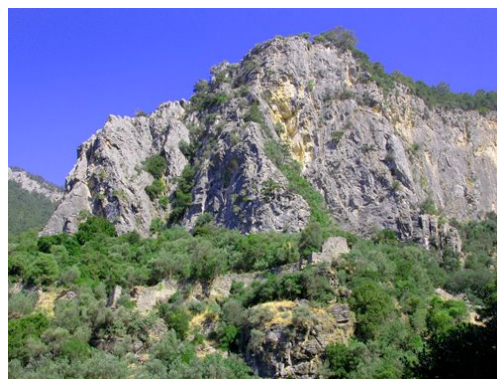


The legend takes place in the northwestern Turkey, Edremit District.

Mount Ida (Goose Mountain) is a mountain in northwestern Turkey, 20 miles southeast of the ruins of Troy, along the north coast of the Gulf of Edremit. The name Mount Ida is the ancient one. It is between Provinces Balıkesir and Çanakkale.



Blonde Girl Hill



Father Hill